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Media Release

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RE: Sheriff's Office Traffic Grant

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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in association with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHSTA), awarded the Klamath County Sheriff's Office grant funds for traffic safety during 2019-2020 totaling **\$21,500**. The grants are being used to increase traffic enforcement with focused patrols for Distracted Driving, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII), Occupant Protection (Safety Belts), Pedestrian Safety and Speed Enforcement during the below specified events.

Distracted Driving

Grant Amount = **\$5,000**

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2020
- ~~National Distracted Driving Awareness Month 4/2020 – SCHEDULED~~

DUII High Visibility Enforcement Events

Grant Amount = **\$5,000**

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2020
- ~~Thanksgiving 11/27 – 12/1/2019~~
- ~~Christmas 2019 / New Year's 2020 12/13 – 1/2/2020~~
- ~~Super Bowl 2/2/2020 – SCHEDULED~~
- Labor Day 8/16 – 9/3/2020 – SCHEDULED

Occupant Protection (Safety Belt) Blitz Periods

Grant Amount = **\$5,500**

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2020
- ~~Thanksgiving – Click It or Ticket 11/27 – 12/1/2019~~
- ~~Blitz #1 2/3 – 2/16/2020 – SCHEDULED~~
- Blitz #2 Click It or Ticket 5/18 – 5/31/2020 – SCHEDULED
- Blitz #3 8/24 – 9/6/2020 – SCHEDULED

Pedestrian Safety

Grant Amount = **\$2,000**

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2020

Speed Enforcement

Grant Amount = **\$4,000**

- High Visibility Enforcement Now – 9/30/2020

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National Distracted Driving Awareness

During the month of April, the Klamath County Sheriff's Office participated in the National Distracted Driving Awareness campaign. Deputies worked thirty-seven (37) hours of High Visibility Enforcement resulting in the following violations:

- Speeding 5
- Driving While Suspended 24
- DUII 3
- Seat Belt 12
- Distracted Driving / Cellphone 13
- Vehicle Equipment Violation 4
- All Other 89
(Driving Uninsured, Expired Registration, etc.)
- Motorists Contacted 57
- Warnings 43

DUII High Visibility Enforcement

The Klamath County Sheriff's Office worked one five (5) hour period of High Visibility Enforcement during April 2020 resulting in one (1) arrest for DUII.

Click It or Ticket

Starting on May 18th and going through May 31st, the Klamath County Sheriff's Office will be conducting High Visibility Enforcement during the national Click It or Ticket campaign. Designed to educate motorists on the importance of Safety Belt use.



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